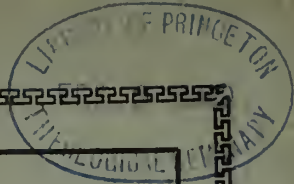


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Out of the determination of the heart the eyes see. If you want to be gloomy, there's gloom enough to keep you glum; if you want to be glad, there's gleam enough to keep you glad. Say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Better lose count in enumerating your blessings than lose your blessings in telling over your troubles.

—Maltbie D. Babcock.

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By Walter McCarroll, D. D.

MISSIONARIES' WIVES.

Perhaps the larger portion of the friction in some mission stations is due to missionaries' wives. This is not a reflection on women missionaries. The married missionary is hand picked and is required to furnish evidence that he is qualified for the post to which he is appointed, but there is no such care or supervision exercised in the selection of the woman who is to go out as his helpmeet. This is left to the judgment of the man under appointment. Yet his value as a missionary may be largely marred by the character of the woman who goes out as his wife. In too many cases his choice is not determined by the fitness of the woman to be a missionary, but by the glamor of sentiment or by a promise hastily given from which he is too honorable to ask to be released. Such a woman may go to the mission field but she carries with her, her unsanctified ambitions and worldly mindedness. She reasons that it is her husband and not she that is appointed as missionary and so she is not under obligation to take any real and genuine interest in the people of her adopted land. She is inclined to emphasize the sacrifice she has made in order to accompany her husband to such a hole and to seek compensation in the gratification of petty ambitions in the social circle of her community. Such wives, we hope, are not numerous on the mission field. but it does not take many to reflect discredit on the labors of all. Should the prospective missionary not con-

sult the Corresponding Secretary as to the qualifications of his wife to be?

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"THE SPIRITUAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE MISSIONARY."

In the *International Review of Missions* for October appears an article under the above heading by Howard Arnold Walter. It is filled with food for thought and leads to searchings of heart. Mr. Walter makes the touchstone of the new life in Christ to be Brotherliness, and presents three tests, the social, the racial, and the religious. The very fact that the missionary is sent to another people implies that he has something they have not, and there is a tendency, unconscious it may be but none the less real, to regard himself as a superior person. He is apt to think from the very fact that he is sent to them that he stands on a different level socially as well as spiritually. The unconscious attitude sometimes is that the "natives" should be grateful for his company and for any favors he may condescend to bestow. "Snobbishness," says Mr. Walter, "arises from a sense of superiority, which soon leads to a craving for a certain measure of deference from those considered inferior." To counteract this essentially unchristian attitude the grace of humility should be assiduously cultivated. When he remembers that all he has and is comes from no merit of his own then there will be no room for pride in his own inheritance or achievements. The fact that a civilization is different does not necessarily imply that it is inferior.

Some of our social customs appear as outlandish and undignified as some of theirs appear at first sight to us. The missionary needs to remember that he has much to learn as well as to teach.

The racial is an even more searching test of the spirit of brotherliness. It is even for the missionary with his inborn pride of race not to feel superior to Greeks, Turks, Armenians, Syrians, Jews, and what not of other nationalities. He may work with the natives, worship with them, and visit them in their homes because it is his duty so to do, but does he love them? Does he seek his recreation among those of his own kind or among his new-found friends? There is danger in generalizing and in attaching an opprobrious label to people of other races and in undervaluing their capac-

ity for personal friendship.

The most searching test of all is the religious. "It is no easy achievement," says Mr. Walter, "so far to identify ourselves with these people of another faith that we understand why they feel and think as they do and sympathize with them in all their hopes and fears, all the while allowing not the least abatement of our enthusiasm for our own faith and our conviction of its unique and imperative adequacy. The missionary then if he is to manifest this spirit of brotherliness has to look for what is good in the religious beliefs and practices of his adopted people, while all the time he seeks to reveal something better still. To spread this true spirit of brotherliness is the missionary's glorious task.

REPORT OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The 1920 report of the W. M. S. of the Stafford Congregation contains the names of 24 members. One left us for her Heavenly home; two are missionaries in the China field; thirteen are active members; and nine associate. The meetings have been held in the homes or in the church each month but one, when we dismissed for the Rayburn tabernacle meetings. Each month the society had a good devotional and educational program, following the Uniform Program for all societies. The average number of active members belonging was 11 2-3, with an average number of 7.57. The Sunshine Committee reported six congregational socials planned and carried out; gave flowers, a chicken, and help to sick; and flowers for funerals to the amount of \$15.15. The Membership Committee reported five new members; the Work Committee four meetings. Following is the report of the treasurer:

Paid in all	\$203.73
Paid out	198.03
Amount in treasury	5.65
Box sent to Syria	11.00
Box sent to China	10.00
Box sent to China	7.00
Value of boxes	28.00

IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

Is it nothing to you, O ye Christians,
That millions of beings today,
In the heathen darkness of China,
Are rapidly passing away?
They have never heard the story
Of the loving Lord who saves,
And "fourteen hundred every hour
Are sinking to Christless graves!"
Is it nothing to you, O ye Christians?
Can you say you have naught to do?
Millions in China are dying unsaved;
And is it nothing to you?

Is it nothing to you, O ye Christians,
That in India's far-away land
There are thousands of people plead-
ing
For the touch of a Saviour's hand?
They are groping and trying to find
him;
And although he is ready to save,
Eight hundred precious souls each
hour
Sink into a Christless grave!
Is it nothing to you, O ye Christians?
Can you say you have naught to do?
Millions in India dying unsaved;

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"Is it nothing to you, all ye that
pass by?"

Lamentations 1: 12

SYRIA MISSION.

Beirut, 4th August, 1921.

To the Board of Foreign Missions of
the Reformed Presbyterian Church,
617 North 43d St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith copy of Memorial Minute on the death of Dr. S. A. Sterrett Metheny, President of your Board, which was passed at the recent meeting of the Syria Mission.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES H. NICOL,
Secretary.

The members of the Syrian Mission assembled at Suk Il Gharb have heard with deep regret of the death of Dr. S. A. S. Metheny, President of the American R. P. Church Foreign Board, and would express their sympathy to the Latakia Mission in the loss they have sustained in the death of their President, and especially to Miss Metheny in the death of her brother.

Since Dr. Metheny's father was well known during his labors in this country, and since Dr. Metheny was born here, and labored in Mersine till ill health obliged him to return to America, we have followed him with deep interest, and his example and zeal in Mission work have been an incentive to many.

Through our Mission we would extend our sympathy to your Board in Philadelphia, the widow and children, and other members of the family.

May some one soon be raised up worthy to assume the responsibilities and position of the lamented Dr. Metheny?

AMERICAN REFORMED
PRESBYTERIAN MISSION.

Cable Address "Covenanter."

Lo Ting, June 15, 1921.

To the Board of Foreign Missions of
the Reformed Presbyterian Church.
Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The tidings has but but recently

reached the Mission in China of the promotion of Dr. Sterrett Metheny, President of the Foreign Mission Board, and active in every good work. Our hearts are heavy in view of the great loss sustained by the Board, the home Church, the mission field, and, indeed, every department of missionary enterprise—a loss too great ever to be measured.

Those of us upon the mission field who knew him personally feel that we have been bereft of a very choice friend. He was one who inspired confidence upon first acquaintance, and what is still better, that confidence grew as friendship ripened. We feel keenly our great loss.

But if our loss be great, what must be that of the Foreign Mission Board—you who relied upon his sound judgment, his good counsel, his loving heart, his missionary experiences, and his administrative ability to assist in guiding the work of the Master in the "regions beyond?" How greatly he will be missed in your meetings! How you will yearn for his commanding presence and his great heart's affection! How you will long for the sound of his voice in prayer, in counsel, and in praise!

But days of earthly service are over. He has gone to be with Christ, which is far better. We sorrow most of all that we shall see his face and hear his voice no more, but he lives on in blessed memory, here, and, we make no doubt, in exalted service yonder.

The members of the Mission in China desire to express their sympathy to the Foreign Mission Board, and to the family of Dr. Metheny in this time of trial, and to crave from heaven the comfort and consolation of the God of all comfort. May God be blessed to raise up a worthy successor to this truly great man!

Yours in Christian love,

W. M. ROBB,

Cor. Sec.

(In behalf of the Mission in China.)



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Armenia is a land of orphans; a place where childhood means tears and loneliness and disease.

Two hundred thousand children in the Near East are starving now. This means that for each boy and girl in Philadelphia who will share the bounty of God's Thanksgiving Day, there is a starving lonely child five thousand miles away.

Some are in orphanages. Others are in refugee homes. Thousands are adrift under God's skies without shelter. At night they lie down in the streets to sleep and some never wake.

In the morning the death cart gathers up their bodies.

If you do not help them, they must all perish.

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NEWS FROM THE FIELD

AND NOTES OF THE WORKERS

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Philadelphia, Penna.

Lois Nadine Adams, born August 3, 1921, into the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Adams, at Tak Hing, China.

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A cablegram announces the safe arrival at Larnaca, Cyprus, October 15, of Dr. Calvin McCarroll and family.

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Dr. A. I. Robb expects to spend the winter in Hemet, California. His health is much improved.

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Miss Maggie B. Edgar, of Latakia, Syria, arrived in New York, October 16. She was accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Kennedy, of Alexandretta. Miss Edgar left New York after a short stay for Boston. From there she expects to go to Winona Lake, Ind., to the home of her brother, Rev. George Edgar.

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Rev. Samuel Edgar expected to leave Latakia for the United States on or soon after October 15. He probably will arrive in America about the time this issue of OLIVE TREES will reach its readers.

SYRIA.

We are indebted to Dr. J. M. Balph, of Latakia, for the following notes of interest from that place. Dr. Balph wrote September 10:

"Dr. and Mrs. McFarland arrived at Latakia, September 8. Dr. McFarland is to have charge of the Latakia Boys' School."

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"The mission had the pleasure of a short visit from Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Willson and family, of Mersine, who spent the most of the day with us—September 8—on their way home from the Lebanons, where they had

been spending part of the summer. They seemed quite refreshed by the change and report having had a pleasant vacation."

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"We have also been gladdened by a visit of ten days from Miss F. Elma French, of Mersine, who had been spending part of her vacation with Miss Metheny, of Alexandretta, and came down from there with Brother Edgar, on his return from his trip to Suadea and Antioch. Miss French returned with the Willson family to Mersine."

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"Dr. and Mrs. Smith, who traveled with Dr. McFarlands as far as Brindisi, Italy, were detained there by the non-arrival of their trunks that had been shipped from Naples, but are expected to arrive at Latakia, September 18.

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"Miss Kennedy, who has been at the language school at Suk Il-Gharb for the summer, will return to Latakia shortly to take charge of the Girls' School. The hospital and the two Latakia schools will open about October 1."

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"Rev. Awad, pastor of the Latakia Church, is now in Eldaney, where he will hold a communion on the coming Sabbath."

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"The summer has been intensely hot, for most of the time, and, owing to the slight rainfall during the past year, water is now very scarce, and not of a very good quality. We have been favored, however, by not having had any serious epidemic of disease."

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"We notice, as a step in advance, that we have had two ice plants in

operation, most of the summer, which have furnished a good supply of ice, although at a somewhat exorbitant price, making it rather expensive to keep cool."

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A fine letter from Mrs. Esmond Smith. It will surely be read with much interest. The post-mark says it left Latakia October 12:

"To the Home Church People:

"Here we are in Latakia and settled in the Girls' School with a Miss Kennedy for the winter. Mr. Edgar is living here with us and he is the 'Life of the party.' We will miss him when he leaves the last of October, but we will not be the only ones who will miss him. One woman expressed the feeling of all the people, when she said, 'No one can fill Mr. Edgar's place as there is no one just like him. We will miss him so much.' There are tears in the eyes of the people when they talk to him of his leaving them. But God's will be done.

"Well, I suppose you all would like to know what we have been doing since we said 'good-bye' to the friends at the dock on August 4. We had a lovely trip from New York to Naples, seeing many new sights along the way. The Azores were interesting and all were glad to see land once more after a week on the ocean. Lisbon, Portugal, was the next stop, and we were anxious to go ashore and do some shopping, but they were having a holiday, so we did not buy much. The next place we saw was the Rock of Gibraltar, which looks just like the pictures, but no Prudential sign was to be seen. Ha! Ha! We saw Algiers, Morocco, from a distance, and it looked quite modern, but I suppose if we had gone ashore we would have seen the narrow streets, the different architecture, strange costumes, and many new sights that we were not accustomed to. Palermo, Sicily, was reached and we went sight-seeing there, which we could tell a great deal about, but we have many things that will fill up our allotted space.

"On Saturday, August the 20th, we reached Naples, Italy, and I wish that everyone who reads this could have been on board with us and looked down on the dock beside the boat and have seen the sight that we saw, as we gazed down at new faces and strange sights. There were women in rags with poor wizened babies in their arms, eager for a crust of bread to be thrown from the ship, and when something was thrown, then there would be an argument. There was much chattering and quarreling going along all the time. Friends were on the dock and they were trying to make their friends on the boat see them; so you can imagine what we saw and heard.

"Six days were spent in and around Naples sight-seeing and we saw Pompeii and many other interesting places, that you all have read and studied about, even the girls and boys in the school. We went by rail from Naples to Brindisi, which was an all-day trip. We saw beautiful mountain scenery, women washing in the streams of water, mountain villages and many strange costumes.

"Saturday, August the 27th, saw the six of us on the 'Vienna' of the Lloyd Trestino Line all ready to sail for Alexandria, Egypt; no, we were not all ready, as Cook's had failed to get our trunks on the steamer and, at the last minute, Edmond and I got off to take care of the 12 pieces of baggage. The others went on and we remained in Brindisi, Italy, another week, leaving there September the 3d, on the 'Helouan,' of the Lloyd Trestino Line. We arrived in Alexandria on Monday, the 5th, and one of the American Mission (U. P.) workers was down at the dock to meet us and took us up to the Mission House, where we stayed while in Alexandria. We had a lovely time here and met all of the workers, besides two of their Foreign Mission Board, who are touring their fields in Egypt, the Sudan, Abyssinia, and India. We spent two days in Cairo, seeing the Pyramids,

the Sphinx, and meeting the missionaries in Cairo. 'God works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform and we were well repaid for our week's delay in Brindisi, as we received so much inspiration from these many workers in Egypt. It is wonderful to have been with 70 or more people at a tea in one of the homes for the ladies who are studying the language, as Cairo is their study center. These 70 people were missionaries, Americans, full of life and as happy as could be. This is something that we will not forget very soon and our eight-day stay in Egypt was full of such delightful experiences.

"We left Alexandria on Tuesday, September 13, on the 'Palitana' of the Khedival Line. These boats run at night and stop all day to unload, so it is a six days' trip from Alexandria to Latakia. We stopped at Port Said, then at Jaffa, the old Joppa, where Jonah sailed from; then at Haifa, where we saw the end of Mt. Carmel, and next at Beirut. We arrived there on Saturday and we had a two-day stay here, as there was much freight to unload and load. We went ashore and saw Robert Stewart, who is looking real well and is busy with his work with the Vacuum Oil people. We saw Mr. Hashim, one of the teachers, who was over in Cyprus when my husband was there a few years ago. And we got some mail, the first that we had received since we left New York, six weeks before.

"We were glad to have the company of Miss Kennedy, Miss McElroy, Mr. Lytle, Miss Cunningham, Mrs. Chambers, Miss Davis and Miss Ash from Beirut up to Latakia, a two days' journey as we stopped at Tripoli a day. The last three ladies are missionaries from Adana, and Mr. Lytle and Miss Cunningham are workers of the Irish and Scotch Board, who have been at the Language School at Suk el Gharb along with Miss McElroy; and they are to be with Miss Metheny in Alexandretta this winter.

Miss Kennedy has been attending the summer school at Suk el Gharb. We were more than glad to make their acquaintance, and we found them all alive to do the work, and more than ready for the winter's work.

"We were more than rejoiced on Tuesday, September the 20th, when our boat pulled into the harbor here at Latakia, as our dream had been realized and your prayers had been answered. There is a little boy, who has been praying that we have a safe arrival and God has answered his prayer. Five o'clock of the morning, our boat whistled to let the people of Latakia know that it was coming into the harbor. I got up and looked at the lay of the land and found it very interesting. All of these cities look very modern from a distance, but once you get ashore you find the narrow streets and here we have the high walls on each side of the street.

"At 5.30 we heard Mr. Edgar's voice outside and I looked out of our port hole and saw him and Dr. McFarland in a small boat alongside of the steamer. You see that they have no dock here and small boats come out to the steamer to take the passengers and their baggage ashore. I went out as soon as possible and had my hand about squeezed off by Mr. Edgar. In a course of an hour we had our trunks, suitcases, bags, and ourselves, all piled into this small boat and were on our way to land. When we reached the shore we met Dr. Balph, who gave us a glad hand of welcome, and we saw several of the Mission workers, who were glad to see Miss Kennedy back in their midst again.

"We passed through the customs all right and soon we were walking through the narrow streets up to the Mission grounds. We made slow progress, as the people came out to greet us; they are all so friendly and happy, having a smile for you as you pass along. We reached the Compound and were glad to meet Mrs. Balph, who had breakfast for all of us. Mr. Lytle,

Miss Cunningham and Miss McElroy had come ashore to spend the day here as the boat was not leaving until evening. There are many things that are strange to us here and we could write on and on about them, but we shall save that for another time. We are happy, and next week will see us busy with Arabic, as we are to study here this year with Mallum Hanna Midni, our teacher.

"Yours in His service,
 "(MRS. R. E.) JEAN S. SMITH."

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A letter from Rev. Samuel Edgar, of the American Mission, Latakia, Syria, written September 10, '21:

"You will be interested in a recent trip I have made to Suadea. It is over a year and a half since I was there before. A year ago you may remember we sent our head teacher in Latakia to that center for the summer, but before the summer was over he had to quit the place in haste because of the conditions. I had all plans made for a visit with him then. But these had to be shelved and were never carried out till now.

"We were compelled to go via Alexandretta and Antioch. In Alexandretta we had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Martin and family of Antioch who were on their way to the Lebanons for the summer vacation. Then I spent a few days with the Alexandretta people at Souhklouk. Miss Metheny and Miss French were having a real rest in Dr. Kennedy's house. From here I went to Antioch by auto, and from there to Suadea on a mule and pack saddle, some change from the universal car; however, we made the trip in all comfort and met no robbers by the way.

Our schools were still running but attendance small. Only about twenty-five boys and twenty girls. This was about the lowest, and not strange when we remember it was now vacation time. We dismissed the schools for the month of September.

The little band of believers that are

left wished me to administer the sacrament of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which I did. This I suppose was the first since Dr. Stewart did it in 1913. Then came the war; then since the war there has been no opportunity till now. We had an attendance at the Sabbath service of about fifty. Nine sat down at the table with the minister. Only four of these were of the original number who were left from the days of Dr. J. Boggs Dodds. This was a sad part of the service. All the rest of the thirty-eight are scattered or dead in the deportation. Most of them in the latter division. When we thought of those days of oppression, robbery and death, we were indeed glad that even a remnant had been left. Two were received on profession of faith. One of these was a young girl who in the deportation was much admired by a Turkish officer and offered the father a Mejedie for her (about 75 cents). But the father refused, saying: 'If we die with hunger she shall die with us.' But the Lord spared them and has cared for them and now she has the inner joy of the New Life in Jesus Christ and the opportunity of testifying to others of her faith in her Saviour. Four children were offered to the Lord in baptism. We came away with glad hearts for another privilege of ministering in the name of the Master, yet sad for the effects of war and desolation on the Lord's work in this place, assured that it is all well known unto Him who is the Head of the Church, who in his own time and way shall yet be glorified in His own.

"As was reported to you before, our buildings are still in need of repair and we left orders for the needy things to have attention before the winter storms again set in. We have to this date no evangelist yet to send there. And we as a mission await the decision of your Board and that of the Irish and Scotch Synods as to transfer.

"We are glad to report the safe arrival of Dr. and Mrs. McFarland at

Latakia. And we bid them welcome again to our midst and to the new work assigned them by the Board. We trust that the new Boarding School work about to begin under their supervision may be built up and made a great power in Northern Syria for the teaching and winning of the boys for Christ and training many for the great service of carrying the Gospel unto their own people here. This must ever be our aim rather than increasing the foreign laborers. Of course there must be a certain manning of some positions to do all this important work. A warm welcome awaits Dr. and Mrs. Smith when they come next week."

CYPRUS.

Larnaca, Cyprus. The two young men, teachers for the American Academy at Larnaca, arrived at the scene of their labors September 7—or, the cablegram announcing their arrival was received that date. On September 10 both Mr. George and Mr. Robb sent letters of greeting from the Island, which we are glad to pass on. Mr. R. Wilfred George writes:

"Here's greetings from the isle of Cyprus. We would that they might be as cordial as the farewells we received but little more than a month ago.

"One week ago tomorrow morning we had the first glimpse of the island which is to be our home for the next three years. We were anchored at Famagusta during the remainder of the Sabbath day and Monday morning we started for Larnaca, arriving there about 9 o'clock. We were greeted about half way out to the boat by one of the teachers in the school and were escorted immediately to our headquarters, where we were comfortably settled, free from all the care necessary to the would-be traveler.

"The few days we have spent thus far in the island have been very pleasant ones. The first of the week it was very hot in the sun but pleasant

inside. We had a little shower yesterday which helped to moderate the temperature somewhat. Soon the plant life will waken up and take the place of the dusty fields and dry grasses caused by the lack of rain during the summer months. Then we will live on the fat of the land while our friends back home put in their time shoveling snow.

"A look over the football and hockey field, and a number of games on the tennis courts convinces us that here as well as at home the masters believe that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. Glowing accounts of closely contested games with the English school push us on to better things with the 'Old Geneva Spirit' ever in mind.

"School opens September 26, just two weeks from Monday. Last year we had about two hundred pupils in school. All indications point to a full quota this year; it is expected that some will have to be turned away. This certainly speaks well for the work done by the school thus far and having thus established their reputation we are able to choose the best from among those who apply for admission. A number of changes have been made in the teaching staff but all vacancies have been filled and it remains to be seen what the new ones will be able to accomplish. I think that I know two of them at least that are going to do their best.

"We are very anxiously waiting for school to begin, so that we may soon fit ourselves into the work. Walls are being painted, seats installed, kitchen ranges set up, and everything is being made ready for carrying on efficient work when the time comes to begin. Then we will probably have something more in which you would be interested to tell you as to how the work is progressing throughout the year.

"One of the most pleasant evenings spent thus far was the first one when we received mail from home. We know our friends are interested in the work here and we will try to tell you

about it. We are also interested in what is going on back home. We would ask you then not to forget us when making up your correspondence, but especially do we ask that you remember us and the work here in your prayers—that *we may accomplish* the work we were sent out to do.”

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And here follows Mr. Robb's letter:

“As you requested, Mr. George and I will try between us to give the OLIVE TREES readers a short account of our journey. I am sorry that we could not get it in, in time for the October issue as you requested, but the mail went out the next day after we arrived, and we hardly had time to collect our thoughts.

“Sometimes when God picks out people for big jobs, he begins to bless them right away, and that has been my experience as I have journeyed to Cyprus. Our voyage was the most delightful that anyone ever could have. There was absolutely no rough weather, and only a few hints at it. With such weather it would have been a crime for anyone to be sick, and I may say that nobody in our party committed any crime of that nature.

“Our boat was a French boat of about fourteen thousand tons, and was very nice. As is the custom on all French boats, wines and liquors were served at meals, and the waiters were astonished to find Americans who did not drink when they had such a good chance. The service on the boat was otherwise superb. ‘Comfort’ seemed to be the motto of all the servants, as they surely made us as comfortable as we could wish.

“I am sure that the readers will be interested in some of the fine places we visited. The Azore Islands was the first stop. We saw them when they were at the height of their beauty. They are of volcanic origin and consist of a number of mountains rising out of the sea. A few years ago a volcano below the surface of the water near the islands became active and

another island rose out of the ocean but in a few days it disappeared and has not been seen since. We stopped at the capital city of the islands, which is Horta. Here we got our first glimpse of Oriental life, quaint people, quaint costumes, and quaint customs.

“To tell of all the places we visited would take too much time and space, so we shall only mention them and tell of the most important ones. Of course, we saw Gibraltar. However, the top was covered with a big cloud and spoiled our view. We must wait for another trip to see it better.

“We left our boat at Naples, Italy, where we stayed for a week. We visited many places of interest there, including the Solfatara, better known as ‘little Vesuvius,’ which also explains the nature of the place. The most interesting visit in Naples was to Pompeii. If one can think of all the things that in any way suggest desolation, and put them all together into one picture, he may get a glimpse of what the city of Pompeii looks like. It is hard to imagine it once a beautiful city. As one walks through its streets he is impressed with the great number of bars. These, the guide told us, are now called American bars—because they are ‘so dry.’ We were shown no churches or schools but saw many places of vice and wickedness. One can say ‘It really was no wonder Pompeii was destroyed.’”

“We crossed Italy on an Italian train, which in no way compares to our fine American trains, to Brindisi, ancient city of Alexandria. Remaining there four days, we visited the ancient catacombs. It is easy to see how they were made hiding places by persecuted people in days gone by. They were absolutely dark, and at every step was a turn to some secret tomb. Some parts of them have been fitted with electric lights, but through the remainder a lantern was carried to show the way.

“From Alexandria, Mr. George and I left the remainder of the party, and

sailed for Cyprus. We were very agreeably surprised at Port Said to find Mr. Tweed on the boat, and were glad of his company the remainder of the way.

"We were glad the whole trip through for the company of Rev. McFarland and wife, and also of Dr. R. E. Smith and wife as far as Brindisi.

"We wish to extend our thanks to the ladies of Rev. McCarroll's church in New York for the good things which they gave to us to brighten our journey and also to the good people through the whole Church at home who sent us steamer letters and thus helped us to pass the time along the way.

"Our hope is that we may serve our Master and our Church in a way that will be pleasing to both during our three years of service here.

"Yours sincerely,

"REMO I. ROBB."

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Dr. Calvin McCarroll wrote a farewell letter to the readers of OLIVE TREES when leaving New York but through an oversight it did not reach us in time for the October issue. We are pleased to have it for this number:

"On Board the S. S. Providence,

"September 14, 1921.

"Dear Friends:

"Our pen is unable to express what our hearts feel as we steam out of the harbor of New York, leaving behind so many dear friends. We wish to thank those who so kindly came to the steamer to see us off. Especially do we thank Dr. F. M. Foster, who so graciously commended us to the care of Him who controls the wind and the waves. Among those present at the pier were Dr. Walter McCarroll and family, of New York; Dr. and Mrs. J. M. McCarroll, of Denver; Mr. R. J. Bole, the Misses S. J. McCarroll and Marion McCarroll, of Ridgewood; Miss McClean, Mrs. Anna Pritchard George, and Mrs. Watkins, an old friend, of Cyprus. We will not soon forget the kindness shown us while in New York by all the friends there,

and especially the member of the Second Church, New York.

"We also wish to express our appreciation of the kindness of the members of Southfield Congregation, expressed in the reception given by the Women's Missionary Society before our leaving there, after two very pleasant years spent among them. But our hearts were sorry that we had to leave our beloved pastor, the Rev. J. C. French, in such poor health. We would also thank the Board of Foreign Missions for the kind words at our meeting with them the day prior to our sailing. About to sail we shall now revel in the books and flowers and fruits and candies so kindly furnished by the friends who came to see us off. And then during the years to come, while far separated from the dear ones at home, our hearts will be refreshed as we recall the days spent among them before leaving to take up our work for the Master in the distant island of Cyprus. May the Lord bless and keep you all.

"Yours very sincerely,

"CALVIN MCCARROLL, M. D.,
and FLORENCE MCCARROLL
and Children."

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Teaches us to have:

- A Filial Spirit: "Our Father which art in heaven."
- A Reverential Spirit: "Hallowed be thy name."
- A Missionary Spirit: "Thy kingdom come."
- A Submissive Spirit: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
- A Thankful Spirit: "Give us this day our daily bread."
- A Forgiving Spirit: "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."
- A Trusting Spirit: "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."
- An Adoring Spirit: "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory, for ever. Amen."

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Edited by MRS. J. S. MARTIN and MRS. M. E. METHENY,
College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pa.

THE WORK OF THE NEW YEAR.

My dear Co-Workers: You will be glad to know this: "The Foreign Mission Board has approved the Girls' Schol in Cyprus and, if possible, we would have started it this year. We are planning now to get it going without fail next fall." So writes the Secretary.

The action of Synod came too late for the Board to get young women to the field this fall. The vote of the Women's Synod was in favor of using the undesignated Thank-Offering for the salaries of women missionaries. There are now some funds awaiting this. The Uniform Program calls for Thank-Offering services in every society ere this reaches you. Will every treasurer of presbyterials and treasurers of societies not in presbyterials forward their undesignated thank-offering money to the treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. Joseph M. Steele, 1600 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., immediately so that the Board and the Synodical Executive will know the amount of money to depend upon?

It is suggested that the money now ready be used to pay the salaries of one or two young women on the field. naming, perhaps, Miss Kennedy and Miss McIlroy, until next August, then from that time forward the two women to be sent to Cyprus Girls' School to be supported.

Please be very prompt in forwarding the Thank-Offering to the Board's treasurer. Pray daily that God may lead Covenanter women to give more

abundantly to the Thank-Offering for the progress of Christ's Kingdom.

MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD.

The *Missionary Review* is rich in world news. Every member of every society should read every page of every *Review*. By the Standard of Efficiency it is the duty of every society to place the *Missionary Review* in the hands of the chairman of the Program Committee, and it is *her* duty to keep the magazines circulating among the members.

STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY.

If every woman in every society has not received a copy of the Standard of Efficiency ask your secretary to write to the Superintendent, Mrs. T. H. Acheson, 117 West McIntyre street, Pittsburgh, Pa., and she will promptly supply enough for every member. If you are in a presbyterial your Presbyterial Corresponding Secretary will supply you.

Will every society send me brief reports of its activities? I want to pass them on to help other societies. Just a postal card, perhaps, giving a short account of your best methods.

JANUARY PROGRAM, 1922.

The January Program on Stewardship should be specially emphasized and each part given by a well prepared leader. The Forward Movement Secretary, Rev. Elliott, outlines in his report, found in the "Minutes of Synod, 1921, pages 45-51, a solution for all our church problems. Study these well. Pray much. May the women of the Church measure up to their responsibility in this. Doors are opening for us.

Yours to enter with you the Open Doors of Opportunity.

MYRTA M. DODDS.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

A NOBLE ARMY.

CHAPTER I.

The Smoke of a Thousand Villages.

Many years ago, in Scotland, there lived a boy by the name of Robert Moffat. He worked and played, went to church, studied, slept and grew, even as you and I. Because there were no machine knit stockings in those days, though, his mother taught him to knit his own, and how he hated this girl's task. He was a real boy! But, as compensation at bedtime his mother told the most thrilling stories about the brave Moravian missionaries in far-away Greenland and Salvador.

Robert Moffat grew to young manhood and learned to be a gardener. He left the cold, bleak northern country of Scotland to take a position in the warmer, more fertile England. Here again he worked, dreamed and played, happy to be young, strong and useful. Then, one day, he saw a sign by the roadside—the announcement of a missionary who had spoken some time before—and once more he was a boy, back in the little kitchen in Scotland, knitting stockings and listening to the stories his mother told of the Moravian missionaries. Did God want him to be a missionary, too? But how could he go? He was not a scholar, but just a gardener. So he went on, to dream, work, play and pray until finally God did open up the way, and Robert Moffat was appointed a missionary to Africa.

Though he wanted to go very, very much, because he felt that that was what God wanted him to do, still it was not very easy. In the first place, he had learned to love very, very much a girl by the name of Mary Smith. Mary loved him, too, and they wanted to be married and go out together to Africa, but her father and mother said, "No," they could not let her go

so far from home. So he had to leave behind him those he loved most, and setting sail on a small vessel, start for the far-away African coast. He was almost three months going from England to Capetown, where he landed, a very lonesome young man of 22, and started for the interior of Africa.

I wonder if you would have liked to be with him as he started his journey into the interior of Africa? He had an ox-cart and some black men to drive the oxen, but no other white man to keep him company. In fact, they tried to scare him by telling him of an outlaw named Afrikaner, who was a terror to everyone. "He will strip off your skin and make a drum of it to dance to," declared one Dutch farmer. "He will make a drinking cup of your skull," announced another. But Moffat had not come all the long way from England to be scared, however terrible the tales.

After traveling four months through deserts and among wild beasts, he reached the village, or kraal, of this dreadful Afrikaner. The women of the village built a grass hut for him and the very next morning he gathered all the dirty little black boys and girls around him and began to teach them to read and write, and, above all, about the Great Father in Heaven who loves us all, black as well as white, and sent His Son to die that we might be saved. Afrikaner was amazed at this man, so fearless, so dauntless, so different from any he had known. God held his hand back from murder. He waited, listened, and then one day he, too, began to learn to read; and as he read the New Testament, God's Spirit touched his heart and he believed. He and Robert Moffat became fast friends and when, a year later, Moffat went back to the coast, he took Afrikaner with him, that he might prove what God is able to do for the black man, even as for the white.

A little later, he was cheered by Mary Smith's coming to Africa, where

they were married and together went back into the interior to work, preach, teach and pray. Some day, perhaps now, you can read for yourself all their exciting adventures. Robert Moffat declared that at one time he could see the smoke of a thousand villages, whose people had never heard the gospel story. Do you wonder that he felt he must work hard and pray much? And the work is not all done yet. This summer I met a man who has been a medical missionary in Rhodesia, South Africa, for twenty years. He said that there were many, many villages where the people had never seen a white man and know nothing of God, our father and Saviour.

Robert Moffat and his wife have earned their gold stars, and men and women are needed to "carry on" the unfinished task.

MARY MCWILLIAMS.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THANK-OFFERING MEETING.

Let us make our Thank-Offering Meeting the brightest, cheeriest, happiest occasion of all the year. Let it be the expression of our love for Him who daily loadeth us with benefits. Let nothing be done unwillingly or from a sense of duty. "Of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering." When Christ walketh the earth there must have been many great deeds which men expected to live in history, but two that Jesus immortalized were humble acts of love, the alabaster box of ointment broken in loving tribute, and two mites, the widow's all, dropped into the treasury. Keeping in mind Christ's estimate of these gifts, let us express our love and gratitude in glad service and unusual gifts.

Choose from the following suggestions the material best adapted to your society. The Synodical Thank-Offering Superintendent, Mrs. John K. Tibby, 5603 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., will furnish all the

leaflets mentioned for twenty cents in stamps.

SUGGESTIONS.

Open the meeting with a psalm of rejoicing.

The Bible contains about eight hundred passages expressing joy and gratitude. Have each person present recite one or more.

Two leaflets, "Gleanings on Giving" and "Seed Thoughts on Giving," contain forty-two quotations. Let some of these be recited or read.

"My Thank-Offering Every Day," a leaflet containing seventeen Scriptural reasons why I give it. Let this take the place of the regular reading from the Bible. Follow this exercise with a number of short prayers of thanksgiving.

Don't forget the Juniors. Invite them to the meeting. Have them take part. Two Junior leaflets, "The Spirit of Thanksgiving" and "A Mite-Box Convention."

The young women would enjoy presenting "Four Phases of the Thank-Offering."

For the older women "A Thank-Offering Box Convention" or "Rejoice with Thanksgiving."

Some societies may prefer the following leaflets which may be read or given from memory: "The Plant Gratitude," "A Daughter of Tyre," "Mrs. Morgan's Quarter," "The Thank-Offering Box in One Family," "The Christian's Song of Thanksgiving."

Close the meeting with Presentation of Offering and Consecration Prayer.

Let us keep in mind that the Thank-Offering of all the women of our Church is to be used to pay the salaries of a number of our women missionaries. Our ultimate goal is to pay the salaries of ALL our women missionaries with our Thank-Offerings.

Remember to send for leaflets. Do it now.

MRS. T. H. ACHESON,

Superintendent of Thank-Offering,
Pittsburgh Presbyterial.

**AMERICANIZATION: THE
MOTHER IN THE HOME.**

By MRS. MARY PORTER.

This paper was read at the meeting of the Pittsburgh Presbyterial.

The mother in the home has not been given the same opportunities to become a real American as has her more fortunate husband. She has the care of the house and the children and unless someone comes to her home, she has very little opportunity to know how her American neighbors live. The husband can go to night school, and in the mills and shops he can learn English. This last winter a school was opened in the Pressed Steel Car Company Hall for mothers, with an enrollment of twenty-six and an average attendance of fifteen. Many of the fathers worked night turn in the mills so they had to bring the children under eight years of age. A teacher for the mothers and one for the children was provided by the Board of Education. The mothers were eager to learn to read and write English. One woman said she had been in America forty years and no one had ever asked her to become an American. She came every night and brought her two grandchildren with her.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Allegheny County has a worker who goes into the homes teaching the mothers not only to read and write, but also how to be a good neighbor. If you should go with her some morning, she might take you to a Jewish home. The father is a tailor and they have two daughters and live in two rooms. The mother will be ready to take her lesson, for she wants to be able to read and write, as it will help them in their business, and they wish to be able to do all things just like an American. In the next home we may find a Slavic family, father and mother, five children and a nephew whose mother is dead. The

father is usually eating his breakfast, after which he will clear the table and wash the dishes. (This is the only home where the man washes the dishes.) The mother will be washing and the teacher will find a chair or bench and sit down and wait until the mother brings the baby and her books and then they will begin the lesson. The next will be a Polish home, where we will find the father, mother and seven children. They live in three rooms. The teacher is welcome here not only to teach English, but this woman wants to know how to sew. Ready-made clothes are so expensive for the children. Sometimes one must become a mechanic as occasionally a sewing machine needs repairing. The next home will consist of a father, mother and a baby. This mother is quite young. Her husband had been drinking and has beat her until her eyes are both black. She does not want to read or write today and she comes and sits down and tells the teacher her troubles. She appreciates a friend who will sympathize with her. The next will be a Russian Jewish home, father, mother and three boys. They live in two rooms. The father is a shoemaker, and the mother is eager to learn to read and write. She has succeeded so well that now she can make out checks when they buy an order of goods from a wholesale house. She is very proud that she can do it. She always had to get someone else who knew English to write checks and she did not like her neighbors to know how much money they had in the bank. Another home will be a Hungarian family, father, mother and eight children. They live in three rooms. She will be washing, but will stop and take time for her lesson. The next home will be a Polish family, father, mother and three children. They live in three rooms and have four boarders. They are getting ready to go back to Poland. The mother does not want to go. She wants her children to go to school and

get an education and be Americans.

Today the mother may want you to go with her to see about renting a house. She may have a sick child and you will send the Settlement House nurse to her home. The husband may be sick and you will see about getting him in the hospital, and then the mother will want you to see about getting free milk at the milk station for the baby. Another will want to know if you can get her Annie in the Fresh Air Home in the country. Another will want her child in the kindergarten and another will want you to show her how to use patterns for making dresses.

There is a settlement house on Petosky street. They have a library and the children are urged to go there and get books. The mothers can go there for baths twice a week, some mothers go and take all the children, the older ones take their bath first and then they take care of the younger children. In all the homes the teacher visits, only one has a bath tub. The great problem before America today is the foreigners within our gates. We cannot all go as foreign missionaries, but they have come to our very doors. Will we be a good neighbor, and will we try to teach them the way and plan of salvation and have them accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him might not perish, but have everlasting life." And they shall come from east and the west, north and the south. The Jew and the Gentile, and we shall be one in Christ Jesus.

Read by Mrs. Mary Porter at the meeting of Pittsburgh Presbyterial.

UNIFORM PROGRAMS FREE.

The committee appointed to prepare and publish Uniform Programs is pleased to report that the number of societies now using them is largely increased over last year.

All newly-organized societies will receive a supply of programs free of

cost, if they make known to the committee the number desired.

Fresno, California, was the first to take advantage of this free offer.

Send all orders to Mrs. William Esler, 426 Kelly avenue, Wilksburg, Pa.

TWENTY-THIRD PSALM.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

I shall not want Rest, for "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures."

I shall not want Drink, for "He leadeth me beside the still waters."

I shall not want Forgiveness, for "He restoreth my soul."

I shall not want Guidance, for "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

I shall not want Safety and Protection, for "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me."

I shall not want Comfort, for "Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

I shall not want Food, for "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

I shall not want Grace, for "Thou anointest my head with oil."

I shall not want Abundance of Blessing, for "My cup runneth over."

I shall not want Goodness and Mercy for "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

I shall not want an Eternal Home, for "I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

A lie has no legs, and cannot stand; but it has wings and can fly far and wide.

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Nothing sends one farther toward Christ than helping some one else toward Him.

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